

# First Unitarian of NJ

## Board Meeting Minutes

September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Sunday, 5 pm

Meeting to be held via Zoom immediately after service.

**Meeting called to order: 4:46 pm**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

- Confirm a quorum

**Minister Present:** Ann Marie

**Board Members Present:** Chris Baglieri (chair), Mike Sutterlin, Cass Cochrane, Guenevere Zucker, Charlie Neiss

**Others Present:** Mary Elizabeth O'Connor, Melissa Logan, Denise Soppas

**Chalice Lighting:** Chris

**Check-ins:**

**Approval of Meeting Agenda:** Prior meeting minutes added to the consent agenda that was circulated.

**Consent Agenda:** Minister's Report, President's Report, Prior Meeting Minutes

Motion: Mike

Second: Chris

Vote: Passed by voice vote

**Budget and Finance:** Cass presented finance reports

Motion: Chris

Second: Mike

Discussion: Cass presented finance reports. No discussion.

Vote: Approved unanimously

**8th Principle Group Report:** Denise presented report.

- Board members are encouraged to attend dialog circles
- Book discussion group will be held on Wednesdays at 8 pm, starting September 22nd
- Next 8th Principle Learning Community will be October 13th

- October 23rd workshop for congregation
- Paula Cole Jones will deliver a Sunday service later this month
- Denise will deliver training to the board at meetings, at what frequency was discussed. It will be every other month, beginning in October.
- Chris commented that the Worship committee has committed to intentionally drawing from a more diverse pool of speakers.

#### **Action Items from Previous Board Meeting and New Business**

- All - Results of online poll and/or phone calls
  - **Chris - Clarification - Board members to reach out**
    - REPORT: Most members remain hesitant
- Chris - Checking in on threat level and reopening timeframes
  - REPORT: Threat level remains yellow with infections rising
- Chris - Still looking for places and times for small-scale in-person meetings
  - REPORT: Crop Walk is one opportunity. Chris continues to look
- **Board recruitment - Current jobs that need someone**
  - Backup treasurer to learn from Cass
    - REPORT: No success, is still a work in progress. Cass will put together a job description.
  - Technology support backup for Charlie
    - REPORT: Guenevere is considering asking Andy. Charlie will put together a job description.
  - Worship technology people to back up Melissa and Bob (every other week, maybe)
    - REPORT: Guenevere and Chris.
  - Board members need to become more involved in 8th Principle work over the next two months as there will be a lot of work to do.

#### **New Business**

- Share the Plate - BookSmiles was submitted by Melissa Logan.
  - Motion: Chris moved approval of BookSmiles for the October collection
  - Second: Guenevere
  - Discussion: Nature of
  - Vote: Approved unanimously by voice vote

#### **Calendar Items**

- Next Board Meeting: 10/10
- Chalice lighting: Cass

#### **BOARD Participation in Paula Cole Jones Training**

- Board Minute Speakers

9/19 - Cass

9/26 - Bonnie

10/3 - Charlie

10/10 - Guenevere

10/17 - Mike

**Action Items**

- Charlie to create folder for Agendas
- Each board member should identify one 8th Principle activity they will undertake (see 8th principle reports)
- All board members should attend the October 23rd training
- Continue reaching out to people regarding reopening
- Chris will continue to work with Cass and Charlie about tech/treasurer duties & backup
- Ann Marie will identify UU resources to assist with treasurer duties
- All board members should verify access to fusp.org account and use the Board shared folder
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**Meeting Adjourned:**

Motion: Chris

Second: Mike

Discussion: No discussion

Vote: Unanimous

Time: 5:59 pm